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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated 89.0 million acres of soybean planted area for 2018, down 1 percent from last year. Corn planted area is estimated at 88.0 million acres, down 2 percent from 2017. All cotton planted area is estimated at 13.5 million acres, 7 percent above last year. Peanuts planted are estimated at 1.54 million acres, down 18 percent.

Key findings for the Southern Region:

Alabama: Corn planted is estimated at 260,000 acres, up 4 percent from 2017. Cotton planted is forecast up 8 percent at 470,000 acres. Peanuts at 160,000 acres are down 18 percent from the 2017 planted acres. Soybeans planted are 350,000 acres, no change from the 2017 planted acres. Winter wheat planted for 2018 is up 27 percent from last year.

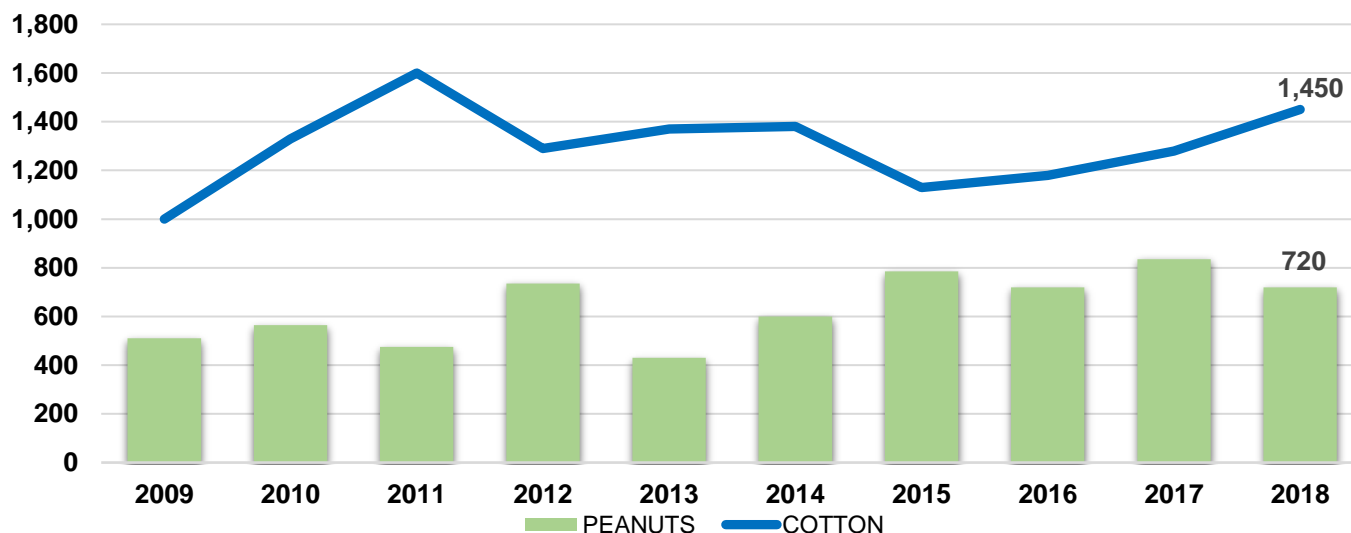
Florida: Corn planted is estimated at 70,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2017. Cotton planted is forecast up 21 percent at 120,000 acres. Peanuts at 150,000 acres are down 23 percent from the 2017 planted acres. Soybeans planted at 15,000 acres is unchanged from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2018 is up 25 percent from last year.

Georgia: Corn planted is estimated at 330,000 acres, up 14 percent from 2017. Cotton planted is forecast up 13 percent at 1.45 million acres. Peanuts at 720,000 acres are down 14 percent from the 2017 planted acres. Soybeans planted at 170,000 acres are up 10 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted at 180,000 acres for 2018 is up 13 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn planted is estimated at 340,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2017. Cotton planted is forecast up 14 percent to 285,000 acres. Peanuts at 100,000 acres are down 18 percent from the 2017 planted acres. Soybeans planted at 380,000 acres are down 5 percent from the 2017 planted acres. Winter wheat planted at 75,000 acres is down 17 percent from last year.

Georgia Cotton and Peanut Acres: 2009-2018

Thousand Acres



Small Grain Area Planted — States and United States: 2016-2018

Crop and State	Area planted			
	2016	2017	2018 ¹	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Oats ²				
Alabama.....	50	40	55	138
Georgia.....	45	50	70	140
South Carolina.....	17	20	22	110
United States	2,829	2,588	2,716	105
Wheat, winter ²				
Alabama.....	230	150	190	127
Florida.....	25	20	25	125
Georgia.....	180	160	180	113
South Carolina.....	60	90	75	83
United States	36,152	32,696	32,708	100

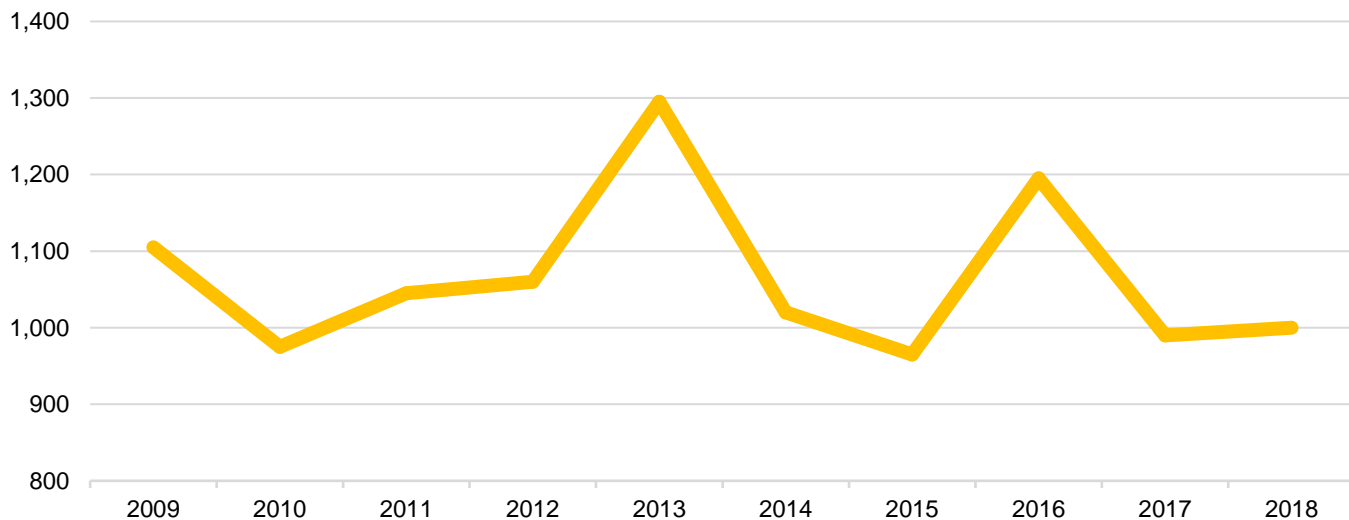
¹ Intended plantings in 2018 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Prospective Plantings*, March 2018.

Southern Region Corn Planted: 2009-2018

Thousand acres



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Row Crop and Other Crops — States and United States: 2016-2018

Crop and State	Area planted			
	2016	2017	2018 ¹	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn ²				
Alabama	330	250	260	104
Florida	80	75	70	93
Georgia.....	410	290	330	114
South Carolina.....	375	350	340	97
United States	94,004	90,167	88,026	98
Cotton, all				
Alabama	345.0	435.0	470.0	108
Florida	103.0	99.0	120.0	121
Georgia.....	1,180.0	1,280.0	1,450.0	113
South Carolina.....	190.0	250.0	285.0	114
United States	10,072.5	12,611.5	13,469.0	107
Hay ³				
Alabama	810	860	840	98
Florida	300	300	280	93
Georgia.....	600	620	600	97
South Carolina.....	320	260	240	92
United States	53,481	53,784	53,726	100
Peanuts				
Alabama	175.0	195.0	160.0	82
Florida	155.0	195.0	150.0	77
Georgia.....	720.0	835.0	720.0	86
South Carolina.....	110.0	122.0	100.0	82
United States	1,671.0	1,870.6	1,536.5	82
Sorghum ²				
Georgia.....	20	20	30	150
United States	6,690	5,626	5,932	105
Soybeans				
Alabama	420	350	350	100
Florida	31	15	15	100
Georgia.....	260	155	170	110
South Carolina.....	420	400	380	95
United States	83,433	90,142	88,982	99
Tobacco ³				
Georgia.....	13.5	12.5	13.0	104
South Carolina.....	13.0	12.0	13.0	108
United States	319.7	321.5	309.6	96

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² Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain

³ Intended area harvested in 2018 as indicated by farmers.

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